Vishwa Bharati request to amend the Copyright Act

2263. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Vishwa Bharati to amend the Copyright Act, extending the copyright tenure to 75 years;

(b) whether Government propose to amend the Copyright Act in the interest of Tagore's works; and

(c) if not, how do Government propose to ensure maintenance of standards in the publication of Targore's work and conserve his literary legacy?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) There is no agency with the Government to prescribe standards for publication of reputed authors. The academia and the learned scholars are expected to take care of these standards.

Social Studies Syllabus of CBSE

2264. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a student appearing for CBSE examination in Social Studies has to answer questions from 100 chapters in three hours;

(b) whether Government consider the syllabus for Social Studies to be heavy; and

(c) if so, whether there are any proposals to streamline and reduce it?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As per information received from the Central Board of Secondary